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1. ALTHOUGH PRINT-OUT RECEIVED PURSUANT TO REF (B) UNDER MARCH 29 TRANSMITTAL SLIP FROM AF/EPS SHOWS THAT \$2071
OF SENEGALESE EXPORTS ENTERED US DUTY FREE UNDER GSP IN 1976, EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE FIGURES MAY BE ERRONEOUS INASMUCH AS GOS HAS NOT YET PROVIDED CUSTOMS SEALS TO EMBASSY NOR MADE AVAILABLE UNCTAD FORM A TO LOCAL EXPORTERS. SENEGAL IS STILL EXPORTER OF RAW MATERIALS (GROUNDNUT OIK, PHOSPHATES, GUM ARABIC, FISH) WHICH FOR VARIOUS REASONS ARE NOT COMPETITIVE ON US MARKET. LIMITED MANUFACTURING OUTPUT WHICH NOT SOLD ON LOCAL MARKET CAN BE MORE EASILY EXPORTED TO REGIONAL OR EUROPEAN MARKETS WITH WHICH SENEGALESE EXPORTERS ARE MORE FAMILIAR.

2. EVEN WHERE EXPORTABLE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE, NEITHER SENEGALESE NOR LOCAL UNIDO REPRESENTATIVE WAS FAMILIAR WITH UNCTAD FORM A. LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY USES CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FOR EXPORT TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) WHICH IS LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLEX THAN FORM A. EMBASSY REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FORM A SAMPLES FROM USMISSION/GENEVA WHICH WE ARE TURNING OVER TO GOS FOR REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. IN DOING SO, WE ARE REITERATING REQUEST FOR CUSTOMS SEALS NEEDED BY US CUSTOMS SERVICE.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GSP IS SOUND INITIATIVE WHICH WILL

EVENTUALLY HAVE STIMULATIVE EFFECT ON SENEGALESE EXPORTS TO US, AND HOPES THAT SCHEDULE 1 AND SCHEDULE 3 ELIGIBILITY WILL BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE PRODUCTS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY LDCS WHICH ARE NOT NOW ELIGIBLE.

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